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***Raised Bill No. 986***

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF A POLICE OFFICER'S ADDRESS ON A TOWN'S GRAND LIST.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) On or before the thirty-first day of January of each year, except  
4 as otherwise specifically provided by law, the assessors or board of  
5 assessors shall publish the grand list for their respective towns. [Each]  
6 Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, each such grand  
7 list shall contain the assessed values of all property in the town,  
8 reflecting the statutory exemption or exemptions to which each  
9 property or property owner is entitled, and including, where  
10 applicable, any assessment penalty added in accordance with section  
11 12-41 or 12-57a for the assessment year commencing on the October  
12 first immediately preceding. The assessor or board of assessors shall  
13 lodge the grand list for public inspection, in the office of the assessor  
14 on or before said thirty-first day of January, or on or before the day  
15 otherwise specifically provided by law for the completion of such  
16 grand list. The town's assessor or board of assessors shall take and

17 subscribe to the oath, pursuant to section 1-25, which shall be certified  
18 by the officer administering the same and endorsed upon or attached  
19 to such grand list. For the grand list of October 1, 2000, and each grand  
20 list thereafter, each assessor or member of a board of assessors who  
21 signs the grand list shall be certified in accordance with the provisions  
22 of section 12-40a.

23 (b) Prior to taking and subscribing to the oath upon the grand list,  
24 the assessor or board of assessors shall equalize the assessments of  
25 property in the town, if necessary, and make any assessment omitted  
26 by mistake or required by law. The assessor or board of assessors may  
27 increase or decrease the valuation of any property as reflected in the  
28 last-preceding grand list, or the valuation as stated in any personal  
29 property declaration or report received pursuant to this chapter. In  
30 each case of any increase in valuation of a property above the  
31 valuation of such property in the last-preceding grand list, or the  
32 valuation, if any, stated by the person filing such declaration or report,  
33 the assessor or board of assessors shall mail a written notice of  
34 assessment increase to the last-known address of the owner of the  
35 property the valuation of which has increased. All such notices shall be  
36 subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.  
37 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a notice of increase  
38 shall not be required in any year with respect to a registered motor  
39 vehicle the valuation of which has increased. In the year of a  
40 revaluation, the notice of increase sent in accordance with subsection  
41 (f) of section 12-62 shall be in lieu of the notice required by this section.

42 (c) Each notice of assessment increase sent pursuant to this section  
43 shall include: (1) The valuation prior to and after such increase; and (2)  
44 information describing the manner in which an appeal may be filed  
45 with the board of assessment appeals. If a notice of assessment increase  
46 affects the value of personal property and the assessor or board of  
47 assessors used a methodology to determine such value that differs  
48 from the methodology previously used, such notice shall include a  
49 statement concerning such change in methodology, which shall

50 indicate the current methodology and the one that the assessor or  
 51 assessors used for the valuation prior to such increase. Each such  
 52 notice shall be mailed not earlier than the assessment date and not  
 53 later than the tenth calendar day immediately following the date on  
 54 which the assessor or board of assessors signs and attests to the grand  
 55 list. If any such assessment increase notice is sent later than the time  
 56 period prescribed in this subsection, such increase shall become  
 57 effective on the next succeeding grand list.

58 (d) No assessor or board of assessors shall disclose or publish on the  
 59 grand list the name and residential address of a sworn member of a  
 60 municipal police department or a sworn member of the Division of  
 61 State Police within the Department of Public Safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-55

***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit the publishing of the name and residential address of a police officer on a town's grand list.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*